GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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MAHILA SAMAKHYA PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether UK has extended assistance for the Mahila Samakhya programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) assistance likely to be provided to India in the next 3 years under the above programme;

(d) the details of assistance extended to various States including Andhra Pradesh, State and Union Territory-wise; and

(e) the extent to which the programme is likely to benefit the girl children?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. A. A. FATMI)

(a) to (e): Mahila Samakhya is an on-going Central Sector programme. The Mahila Samakhya Programme has a range of interventions that draw women and girls into the educational process and it has also forged linkages with Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, which is Government of India's flagship scheme for universalisation of elementary education. The amount released to States/Union territories in 2007-08 is at Annexure. The Department for International Development (DFID) of United Kingdom (UK) has agreed to provide assistance for an amount of 35 million pound sterling to the Mahila Samakhya programme for a seven-year period starting 2007-08.